

# In the PUBLIC EYE

## WILL BE YOUNGEST EMPRESS



Archduchess Zita, when Archduke Karl Franz Josef succeeds to the throne of Austria-Hungary, will be the youngest empress recorded in very many years, for she was only twenty-three years old on May 9, 1915. This fact is pleasing to the Austrians, and especially to the Viennese, only the oldest of whom recall Empress Elizabeth in her fresh beauty when she came to them as Emperor Franz Josef's bride. Archduchess Zita has much to commend her to popularity. She has intelligence, a winning personality, and, above all, the ability to make herself beloved. The chief charm of her face is her splendid eyes, Italian in their power of changeable expression. Her hair is brown, with golden lights.

Her birthplace was Villa della Pianore, near Viareggio, and her unusual name is of Tuscan origin, in honor of Zita of Monte Segrato, whose body lies in the church of San Tradiano at Lucca, and who was made a saint by Pope Nicholas III. Part of her childhood spent in Italy, the princess learned Italian; descended from the bourbon kings of France, French is as her native tongue; English she perfected in the Isle of Wight.

## "DAN MAC" OF MAINE

When the next session of congress opens, Daniel McGillicuddy of Maine will be a member of the important ways and means committee of the house. The popularity of "Dan Mac," as his friends call him, in his congressional district has been proved repeatedly, and his political opponents have a wholesome respect for his ability and courage.

Some years ago Congressman McGillicuddy was trying a case in the Androscoggin county court house in Auburn, across the river from his home in Lewiston. The jury was being impaneled. As the name of one of them was called and as he stepped up to the bar of the court, Dan Mac leaned over to his associate and whispered: "I don't like the cut of his jib. He's got a bad face. The Almighty puts a face on a man for the same reason that man puts a face on a clock—to indicate what is going on inside of him. Challenge him," and the jurymen was rejected. Applying Dan Mac's rule of physiognomy to himself, one would have to conclude that he was an open-minded, courageous, vigorous man who would render a verdict on the facts presented in any case that he sat in judgment upon.

But when it comes to politics McGillicuddy is a strong partisan. He is not without the least of because of this. Indeed, it is and has been for years one of his strong points.

He has given his opponents many hard blows and has received in return his share of hard knocks from the other side, but Dan Mac seems to have thrived on the strenuous political life of the Pine Tree state.

## MAGNATE OF ARGENTINA



Among the delegates to the Pan-American financial conference in Washington was Samuel Hale Pearson, the greatest capitalist of South America, who represented the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Pearson has had a highly interesting career. He was born in Buenos Aires in 1867, and was educated at the Salvador college there and the Polytechnical school of New York. He gained an extensive commercial experience in his travels, and in 1890 he joined the banking firm of Samuel B. Hale & Co., Buenos Aires, which was founded by his grandfather in 1833. He has taken a leading part in the industrial development of his country and has earned an enviable reputation and inspired the confidence of all of his countrymen, as well as the leading business men throughout the world, by his straightforward dealings and remarkable business ability. Mr. Pearson has a direct control over billions of dollars invested in South America and has recently been appointed director of the Bank of the Argentine Republic by the President and the senate.

## KING ALBERT AS A REPORTER

Most people know of King Albert's love of literature, but few are aware that some time ago his desire for knowledge prompted him to become a newspaper correspondent. When prince of the Belgians he traveled incognito through France, Austria, Great Britain, America and Scandinavia as a reporter. In this way he was able to study the commercial advantages of other countries, as well as to broaden his views and educate his mind.

The royal reporter worked diligently at the profession he adopted. He was employed by a Minneapolis newspaper at a salary of \$15 a week. His employers were unaware of his identity, and when sent out on an assignment and he returned with a poor "copy," he was as badly hauled over the coals as were his less aristocratic colleagues.

While serving on a Brooklyn newspaper Prince Albert endeavored to obtain entry into a house where a murder had taken place. He was stopped by a policeman, who demanded his card. The blue-blooded reporter did not happen to have one and, of course, the representative of the law roughly ordered him off. A rival reporter, who noticed the incident, asked the policeman: "Do you know that the man you were speaking to was prince of the Belgians?" "Well," answered the unlightened policeman, "Mr. Prince should have shown me his card, for I've never heard of that paper."



# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

## Washington One of Brightest Spots in the World

WASHINGTON.—The national capital is one of the best-lighted cities, not only in the United States, but in the world. This is the verdict of experts on municipal lighting after viewing the principal systems of the world.

There are no statistics to advance in support of the fact, but it is a fact, nevertheless, declare the men who are paid to know.

But Washington is not a perfectly lighted city by a long way and defects in the system steadily are being remedied, miles of additional lighting facilities being installed yearly. Municipal authorities here are convinced that there is a close relation between lack of proper lighting and crime, and efforts now are being made to give better illumination to the hundreds of alleys, where many of the local crimes occur. The alleys constitute the weak point of the lighting system of the national capital. Most of them are not lighted at all, and the few remaining ones are poorly illuminated.

Washington has a total of 17,335 lamps, of which 10,187 are mantle gas lamps and the others electric ones. Of the 100-candlepower electric incandescent lamps there are 1,785, but this number rapidly is being increased. The 40-candlepower incandescent lamp is very common, 3,162 being in use. Sixty-four four-glow Nernst lamps are in operation.

The electric arc lights formerly were very common, but now are being supplanted by the incandescent ones. The arcs still used are the 6.6-ampere series inclosed, the 5-ampere multiple inclosed, and the 6.6-ampere magnetite, and the 4-ampere magnetite.

During the past fiscal year the lighting system was extended to nine additional miles of streets, 662 new lamps being installed. This summer work will be commenced on the installation of 100-candlepower incandescent lamps in Seventh street northwest, between Mount Vernon place and U street. This type of lamps already has been installed in Seventh street south of Mount Vernon place.

## How Uncle Sam Is Giving Aid to Berry Growers

THE office of markets of the department of agriculture is beginning this year a work that aims eventually to place the scattered berry growers in the various berry producing sections of the country in an favorable position for entering the markets as that occupied by the great and wealthy private shipping associations that deal with other fruit crops, notably oranges.

The function assumed by the office of markets is virtually that of a clearing house of market information for the benefit of the various large and small berry shipping associations of the country, who have heretofore had to guess or gamble on market conditions and their changes. Arrangements have been made for sending to Washington by telegraph information on the movement of car lots of berries from important shipping points, their destinations and the changes of destination, if any. With the northward advance of the berry season these messages are arriving at the agricultural department in increasing numbers.

At the same time other correspondents of the office in the consuming markets are wiring information as to arrivals of car lots of berries in their territories, and market prices. The office of markets briefly summarizes the information from both sources and telegraphs it collect to all shipping associations desiring to receive it. When this service is built up, for the price of a short telegram daily the individual shippers and shipping associations may receive information that is obtained by the big fruit shipping associations only at the cost of thousands of dollars for salaries in numerous cities. They may keep intelligently informed, by the service, of conditions in competing areas and the common markets.

A large part of the information being gathered by the office of markets is secured on a co-operative basis. Information as to the starting and routing of car lots of berries is supplied by station agents and shipping associations, and information as to market conditions, by persons in the principal markets who are most interested in the strawberry "deal."

## "Cigarette Bug" Solves White House Mystery

DISCOVERY of a small speckled beetle laid bare the mystery of the White House red room. Of a species doubtful, it is believed the insect was brought to the White House in the tobacco of cigarette smokers, although experts at the bureau of entomology of the department of agriculture gave it as their opinion, after the insect was described to them over the telephone, that it was a dermestid beetle.

For months servants around the White House were mystified by the peculiar behavior of the chairs and sofas in the red room, but kept the mystery to themselves. The cushions on these chairs and sofas appeared to be victims of a cure for obesity. Week after week they seemed to grow flatter in appearance. The stuffing of the cushions was disappearing, although never a sign was there as to where it was going. There was not a break in the velvet on top or in the burlap beneath.

As the mystery grew, embarrassments accumulated, for visitors, some of them rather distinguished, would insist on sitting down on the chairs and sinking further than they had calculated on doing. The president himself is said to have sat down on one of the sofas, and to have immediately taken to his feet again with the pained expression of one who had been deceived.

That, it is said, decided the servants that something more radical was needed. A local furniture dealer was sent for, and the mystery laid before him. With the air of a man who was wise, he tore open one of the cushions, and, sure enough, there was Mr. Bug.

"He just dotes on hair stuffing," remarked the furniture man, "though he's called the cigarette bug."

But still remaining to be solved is the question: "Whose cigarettes were responsible for the bug invasion?" The president does not smoke.

## Tourists Can No Longer Steal Treasury Towels

THE towel bill in the big treasury department had been running into awful figures. The towels did not stay put. Dozens were swiped every day. The clerks, many of whom are women, were suspected at first, but they indignantly protested innocence, and the charge could not be proved. Then visitors were detected pocketing towels. Tourists, by reason of the central location of the treasury and of the interest to sightseers, visit the treasury in larger numbers than any other building. It is now believed that they have been taking the towels—conspicuously marked as belonging to the department—for souvenirs. By way of meeting this drain upon the public purse the treasury department has installed a system of hot-air drying. The device is at once simple and sufficient. The hand-drying machine is covered by a hood into which the washed and still damp hand is placed, while the owner of the hand places his foot upon a small pedal near the floor. A soft whirring sound follows and the experimenter's fingers, palms and wrists, undergo the sensation of having been caught in a Kansas zephyr. The hand-dryer stands like a clergyman pronouncing a benediction for the space of ten seconds. Then he withdraws his hands, and, after rubbing them together, finds them perfectly dry.



**The Height of Atrocious.**  
"I see the Germans are using gas instead of shot and shell," said Harkaway. "Could anything be more atrocious?"  
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## BIG REWARD FOR INVENTIONS

British Government is Encouraging Ideas Tending to Improve Development of Army Equipment.

That there are handsome rewards for those who are able to devise improvements in guns and machinery is shown in sums that have been paid in fees to inventors at army ordnance factories for the year ending March, 1914. No less than £4,000, for instance, was paid to Col. C. L. Holden, late superintendent of the royal gun and carriage factories, for various inventions and improvements connected with ordnance mountings, machine tools, etc., in addition to £500 paid on another account; while £2,850 was paid to Mr. W. T. Thomson, chemist and manager, at different times, of the Royal Gunpowder factory, for improvements in the manufacture of nitro-cellulose and accompanying apparatus, in addition to a previous £1,150.

Smaller amounts, such as £250 to Mr. W. H. Turton, manager of the Royal Gun factory, for improved machines for the manufacture of ordnance; £100 to Mr. W. Lambert for a process for testing steel bullets; £25 each to William Rogers and E. F. Pular for labor-saving and improved tools for use at the Royal Carriage department; and £20 to Assistant Foreman S. Capon, Royal Gun Factory, for improved muffs for use in forges, have also been paid.—Tit-Bits.

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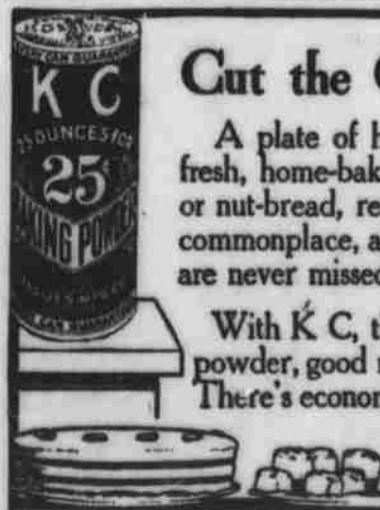
## Aviators' Safety Parachutes.

The energies of practically all the inventors of parachutes for airmen have been directed towards the development of a device for the airman alone, the aeroplane itself being allowed to drop to earth unhindered. Parachutes for the whole aeroplane have just been designed by a French inventor. Two folded parachutes, contained in cone-shaped receptacles, are attached to the wings as near the ends as possible. By means of a simple mechanism, operated by the movement of a small hand lever, these parachutes are pushed out of the containers, after which they are claimed to open freely, no matter in what manner the aeroplane may be falling. All the airman has to do is to hang on to the aeroplane.

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